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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

In response to the final Office Action dated August 10, 2007, and along with the concurrently filed Request for Continued Examination, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application in light of the following amendments and remarks. Filed herewith is a Petition for a 3rd month extension of time since Applicant previously extended the period of response for two months.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.